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Date: August 8, 2001

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Applicant

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09/873,230

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June 4, 2001

Title

Method and Device for Optically Monitoring Fabrication Processes of

Finely Structured Surfaces in a Semiconductor Production

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LETTER

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The above-mentioned new patent application was filed on June 4, 2001 without a signed oath or declaration, under the provision of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f).

In accordance with the above-mentioned rule, enclosed herewith is the original signed declaration as required by the Notice To File Missing Parts Of Application dated August 3, 2001.

The undersigned hereby states that the application filed in the Patent and Trademark Office is the application which the inventor(s) executed by signing the declaration. MPEP 601.01(a).

The fee required for the late filing of an oath or declaration in the amount of \$130.00 is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
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